

# Bancroft Outshines Scott in But One Department of Game---Is Fast on Bases

## Bancroft Is Superior On Bases Only, Scott Is More Experienced

Boston's Shortstop Profits Greatly By Instruction From Other Infielders.

BARRY ALSO TUTORS HIM

Phillies' Candidate, However, Shows Brilliantly Since Coming to Major League.

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

Here are two youngsters, coming stars, who are just beginning to shine brightly, facing each other in a world's series.

It is a toss-up between them in almost every department of the game, and they figure so closely together that it is hard to choose between them.

Beyond doubt Bancroft will be a greater ball player than Scott ever can hope to be. Nature has given him some advantages that are denied the Red Sox's brilliant shortstop. The fact that the Quaker youngster, fresh from the Coast League, where he was a marvel, does not outshine his rival more in the figures, is due to the fact that Scott has a year the advantage of him in the big show, and that Scott has played with an infield that could teach him more of the inside work than Bancroft knows. Last year Scott got his training down there with Wagner and Gardner and Yerkes to instruct and lead him, which in itself is a liberal education for a youngster, and this year he has had Jack Barry, the wisest of all the infielders and the most patient teacher of youngsters.

It is small wonder that Scott has improved greatly, so greatly that even the crippling of Wagner by rheumatism has not hurt the team as it would otherwise have done. Bancroft is a first-year man. He is perhaps the most brilliant youngster sent on East from the coast in many a year, and down at Philadelphia he is regarded as the wonder of the season. Naturally, in enthusiasm of victory, his faults have been overlooked. He is not yet a finished ball player and he makes many blunders in the play ground the case, blunders that are hidden to a great extent by the individual brilliance of his work. Bancroft, a "busher," practically won the pennant for Philadelphia. To him, even more than to G. Cleveland Alexander, belongs the credit of the victory. Of course, neither could have won without the other, but Bancroft made that infield, transformed it from an uncertain and ragged defensive proposition into a hard-fighting, clean-working machine.

Getting down to figures, Bancroft can out-hit Scott about thirty points against all kinds of pitching, he is speedier on the bases, and clever at getting the jump on the pitchers. I shall have more to say later about the effect of the American League "balk" upon National League base runners who are not accustomed to such liberal interpretations of the balk rule. This is something Moran would best caution Bancroft about, or Boston's adepts at the balk will nip him off first about as often as he gets there. In the field the men figure very closely together, Scott not being quite the equal of his rival in going toward third

Comparison.	
Value in Offense.	.619
Value in Defense.	.621
Value in Season.	.732
Value in Series.	.737
Value in Season.	.703
Value in Series.	.706
Value in Season.	.695
Value in Series.	.697

base; but he plays the deep field perfectly and is steady and brilliant in short play, especially with the infield drawn close. He handles a ground ball cleanly and gets it away to be batted quickly, but in that he is not the peer of Bancroft, who shoots from almost any position. The players declare that Bancroft, in this respect, is almost the equal of Doan, who was considered the greatest of all players at that style of defensive work. Bancroft is faster in double plays, but there is one thing I want you to observe in comparing these two fellows. Watch Scott when he passes the ball to Barry and see the difference in the manner in which he handles the ball. He is quick, but he is not as quick as Bancroft. This play is, I think, executed better by Evers and Marvill than by any pair. They slip the ball to each other with a scoop motion, merely picking it up and throwing it. Scott, on the other hand, is springing to meet the ball and trying to reach the bag in position to make the throw to first quickly. The danger of an error that will ruin a double play is minimized and the danger of the ball going far enough to make the error serious is eliminated. Besides that, the ball is at the base, easy to handle, and the other player can move freely and without fear, which lets him cover more ground and still reach the base in time.

Bancroft still has a habit, especially when hurried, of snapping the ball to Niekirk with a quick wrist motion when the play must be made in a hurry. It comes fast to the base, doubles the danger of a muff, and if the muff does happen, it is a disaster. The ball comes on and the runners advance another base.

These are small things—but watch Scott and you'll see the fine Italian hand of Jack Barry in every move he makes around the base. It is rather discouraging to figure on the batting of these two boys in this world's series. Scott is liable to get a foul off Alexander if Alex is right, and if this fellow Rixey has a good day Scott will be lucky to get that much. He tags the left-handed pitchers fairly well ordinarily, but he will hit Rixey on an off day, but not if Eppa Jephtha has one of those "big" days that he has at times. Scott probably would hit Mayer well, would hammer Demaree or McCulligan, and hold his average against Chalmers; but as the fellows are not likely to hit much more in this series, Scott's batting average does not look much plumper than Connie Mack in these last days of the Athletics.

Bancroft also is up against the toughest pitching he ever has seen. I think he can be eliminated as a dangerous hitting factor. His best chance to hit, it appears, is against Shore—and that doesn't sound reasonable at all. He stands up pretty well to speed and takes his swings, and, of course, any one who does that is liable to connect with one. The seem evenly matched at the waiting game, and on the bases all the advantage is with Bancroft, so that with the exception of the little inside points of the game, a little more finish on his combination playing, and a few minor details of play, Bancroft outshines his Red Sox rival.

The difference is not sufficient to make Philadelphia lead and a little luck is likely to turn the tide in the other direction.

Tomorrow we will take up the third basemen and study them before passing again to the outfielders. (Copyright, 1915, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

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### League Standing

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.	
Won.	Lost.
Boston	95 45
Detroit	88 52
Chicago	87 53
Washington	83 57
New York	81 59
St. Louis	77 63
Cleveland	67 73
Philadelphia	41 108

#### Today's Games.

Boston at Washington.  
New York at Philadelphia.

#### Tomorrow's Games.

Boston at Washington.  
Detroit at Cleveland.  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
New York at Philadelphia.

#### Yesterday's Results.

Philadelphia, 4; Washington, 3.  
St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 2.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.	
Won.	Lost.
Philadelphia	87 51
Boston	79 59
Chicago	79 59
Pittsburgh	73 65
Chicago	71 67
St. Louis	69 69
New York	68 70
Cincinnati	70 82

#### Today's Games.

Brooklyn at New York.  
Philadelphia at Boston.  
Chicago at Cincinnati.  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.

#### Tomorrow's Games.

Boston at New York.  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.  
St. Louis at Chicago.

#### Yesterday's Results.

Boston, 5; Philadelphia, 2.  
New York, 2; Brooklyn, 0.  
Cincinnati, 3; Chicago, 2.  
Pittsburgh, 1; St. Louis, 0.

#### Connie Gets "Iron Man."

CARLISLE, Pa., Oct. 1.—Frank Hart, known as "The Iron Man of Carlisle," left here today to join Connie Mack's Athletics at Harrisburg for a tryout as pitcher with the former world's champions. Hart was with the Marysville team of the Dauphin-Perry League this year.

#### Feds to Tour Country.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Star players of the Federal League have arranged post season tour of the country after the close of the season, it was announced today. Pitchers Brennan and Hendrix, of the Chicago club, will be members of the team.

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### TODAY'S GAME OFF; PLAY TWO TOMORROW

Red Sox-Griffins Unable to Meet on Account of Drenched Field at Georgia Avenue.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

All possibility of a game today between the Boston Red Sox and the Griffins fell when the grounds were drenched by the incessant rain of last night and today. Griffith called today's game off early and stated that a double-header would be staged tomorrow, commencing at 1:45 o'clock.

Joe Sherman, former Massachusetts Agricultural collegian, showed marked signs of being a big leaguer in the last transferred contest between the Mackmen and the Griffins, winning by a score of 4 to 3. He was hit hard, but always managed to squirm out of tight places. He held a wide margin until the last frame, but he staved off the aspiring Griffins after they had scored twice and had almost caught up with him. Harry Harper started off like a winner, but poor support gave the Mack a comfortable lead. Boehling took up the mound in the eighth and allowed the winning run to be scored in the ninth.

The smallest crowd of the season saw the defeat of the Griffins. It displayed no enthusiasm and hurried from the park at the conclusion of the game, as if ashamed to be seen around there. Connolly's boot of Malone's grounder,

followed by McInnes' triple to right, sent the Mack a run in the fourth. Shanks fumbled Strunk's bounce in the fourth, and hurled the ball to right field, putting Amos on third. Malone's single scored the flyer.

Damrau's single opened the sixth, and the Mack's bulky third sacker tallied when Sherman pounded a safety to center.

Sherman opened the ninth with a single, and was forced by Schang. Boehling's wild throw in an effort to catch Schang snapping put the runner on second. Strunk's death advancing him one more peg. On a double steal, Foster's return peg to the plate was wild. Schang scoring.

With two down in the first, Zeb Milan, Gandil, and Jamieson singled successively, the latter's bingle scoring Zeb. With one gone in the ninth, Judge singled, going to third on Foster's blow. While Sherman was disposing of Milan Judge scored. Gandil's hearty blow to left brought Foster over. Chick stole second. Run was anxious to tie the score, but Jamieson slashed one at McInnes, ending the combat.

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### Tomorrow's Games on Many Football Fields

Georgetown vs. Navy, at Annapolis. Colgate vs. Susquehanna. Princeton vs. Rutgers. Yale vs. Virginia.

Harvard vs. Massachusetts Aggies. Dartmouth vs. Maine. Cornell vs. Oberlin. Penna. vs. P. and M. Fordham vs. Temple. Maryland Aggies vs. Haverford. Lehigh vs. Carlisle. Ursinus vs. Lafayette. Penn State vs. Lebanon Valley. Army vs. Holy Cross. Richmond College vs. Richmond Blues. V. P. I. vs. Randolph-Macon. Swarthmore vs. Dickinson. Pittsburgh vs. Westminster. W. M. I. vs. William and Mary. V. P. I. vs. Randolph-Macon. W. and L. vs. West Virginia Wesleyan.

### Frank Chance Picks Red Sox to Win Series

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 1.—Frank Chance today picked Boston to beat the Phillies in the world series next week. "It's the Red Sox against Alexander, and I don't think the Philly star can win alone," said Chance.

### Would Play Soccer.

St. Andrew's Parish School, Baltimore, soccer eleven is out with a challenge to Washington teams, games to be played on Saturday and on opponents' grounds. Address Gregory I. Johnson, sporting department, Baltimore News.

### Col. J. L. Smith Keeps G. A. R. Distance Title

Col. J. L. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio, keeps the distance championship of the G. A. R. today, having defeated a picked team of three veterans at the baseball park yesterday in 28 minutes, 11 seconds. Colonel Smith was opposed by Col. G. W. Howe, Fort Huron, Mich.; A. O. Haskell, of Goodell, Mich.; E. J. Barnes, of Pittsburgh, Pa. All of the runners are over seventy years of age. Colonel Smith ran against the relay and won handily.

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